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1. ACTING CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION, JOSE MEDEIROS, INFORMED EMBOFF ON AUGUST 30 THAT GOB WOULD ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 19-20 AS DATES FOR US-BRAZILIAN TRADE SUBGROUP MEETING AS PROPOSED REFTEL. MEDEIROS COULD GIVE NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, AS TO LEVEL OF DELEGATION; HE PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS A DECISION IS REACHED WITHIN THE GOB. EMBOFF POINTED OUT OUR NEED FOR THIS INFROMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENTS.

2. MEDEIROS WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO SEEK CLARIFICATION THAT AGENDA FOR SUBGROUP WOULD BE "MTN: GENERAL REVIEW AND PERSPECTIVE". HE ASSUMED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RAISE BILATERAL ISSUES AS THEY AROSE WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, GIVING AS AN EXAMPLE (AND SUGGESTING THAT THE EXAMPLE BE CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON) WHEN TARIFF ISSUES ARE DISCUSSED GSP WOULD BE RAISED BY THE BRAZILIANS. EMBOFF SAID
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THAT WHILE BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH AROSE NATURALLY IN THE COURSE OF THE MTN DISCUSSION PRESUMALBLY WOULD BE DEALT WITH ON SEPTEMBER 19, SOME ISSUES MIGHT WELL NEED FURTHER AND MORE DETAILED ATTENTION ON SEPTEMBER 20. MEDEIROS WAS INSISTEN THAT IF SPECIFIC BILATERAL ISSUES ARE TO BE ON THE AGENDA THAT THERE BE AN "AGREED TEXT FOR THE AGENDA" WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE SUBGROUP MEETING.

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2. COMMENT. GOB APPEARS TO PREFER RAISING BILATERAL ISSUES AS APPROPRIATE ON SEPTEMBER 19, LEAVING SEPTEMBER 20 FREE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS (INCLUDING THE MORE TECHNICAL MTN DISCUSSIONS) AND APPOINTMENTS. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE NERVOUSNESS, HOWEVER, THAT USG MIGHT RAISE BILATERAL ISSUES AT LEAST MINUTE PUTTING BRAZILIAN DLEGATION IN A POSITION OF NOT HAVING A CLEARED POSITION. END COMMENT
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3. ACTION REQUESTED:
(A) PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY WHETHER, FROM USG'S VIEW, BILATERAL ISSUES (1) WILL BE DEALT WITH DURING MTN DISCUSSION ON SEPTEMBER 19, (2) RESTRICTED TO SEPTEMBER 20, OR (3) INTRODUCED ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND DEALT WITH AS NEEDED ON SEPTEMBER 20. NOTE: GOB IS INSISTENT ON EXPLICITNESS ON THIS POINT AND REQUESTS EARLIEST CONFIRMATION THROUGH EMBASSY.)
(B) IF USG INTENDS TO RAISE BILATERAL ISSUES ON WITHER DAY, PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA. ALSO ADVISE WHETHER USG PREFERS SUCH ITEMS TO BE FORMALLY INCLUDED IN AGENDA.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REQUESTED AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT MEETING. EMBASSY WILL PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE UPON RECEIPT INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED IN PGH (3) ABOVE.
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